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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/506,445	KURACHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Thuy V. Tran	2821	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/01/2004 (incl. preliminary amendment).
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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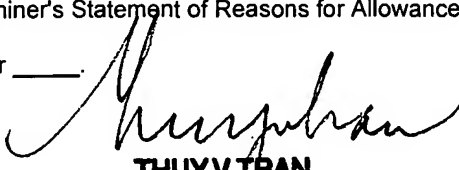
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>09/01/2004</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**THUY V. TRAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is a response to the Applicants' filing on 09/01/2004 and the preliminary amendment filed concurrently therewith. In virtue of this amendment:

- Claims 1-10 were originally filed;
- Claims 11-13 are newly added; and thus,
- Claims 1-13 are currently presented in the instant application.

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings were received on 09/01/2004 including the replacement sheet for Fig. 6. These drawings are accepted.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/01/2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-13 are allowed.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

- A self-ballasted electrodeless fluorescent lamp comprising a connection wire for electrically connecting the induction coil and the circuit board extends from one end of the induction coil into a region beyond an outer edge of the cavity portion, and is connected to the circuit board, and the connection wire is placed so as to be spaced

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apart from a sealing portion of the outer and inner tubes, as called for in independent claim 1 (claims 2-6 and 7-10 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 1); and

- A self-ballasted electrodeless fluorescent lamp comprising a connection wire for electrically connecting the induction coil and the circuit board extends from one end of the induction coil into a region beyond an outer edge of the cavity portion, and is connected to the circuit board, and the connection wire is placed so as to be spaced apart from a sealing portion of the outer and inner tubes, as called for in independent claim 7 (claims 11-13 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 7).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Citation of relevant prior art*

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Prior art Arakawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,768,254 B2) discloses a self-ballasted fluorescent lamp.

Prior art Maya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,698,951) discloses an electrodeless discharge lamp.

Prior art Everest et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,433) discloses an electrodeless discharge lamp.

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Prior art Roberts et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,461,284) discloses an electrodeless discharge lamp.

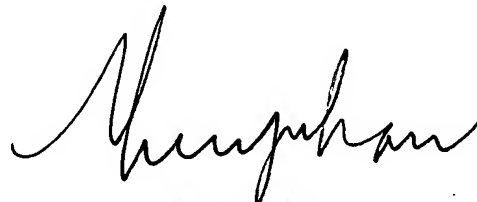
***Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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